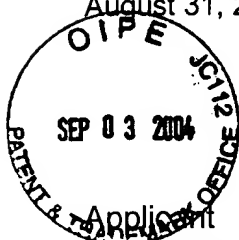


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COMPARISON FOR MULTIPLE CARRIERS
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In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2004 regarding the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application and enter the response and remarks as indicated below. A Petition for an Extension of Time for two (2) months in which to file this Amendment and Response, and the required fee, are filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Response and Remarks begin on page 38 of this paper.